

## Historic Belmont Firehouse

# Safety Learning Center & Fire Museum News

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## American LaFrance Donates Cab as New Exhibit

A new exhibit is finally prepared and in place at the Belmont Firehouse. The 2004 American LaFrance fire engine cab, pictured here, will be developed into a simulator-type exhibit for the safety learning center & fire museum.

The cab itself was donated by American LaFrance, direct from North Carolina. They were pleased to support the educational efforts of the safety learning center and understood the

value of interactive teaching tools.

Once the cab arrived, it was in need of a frame and axle to allow it to be moved. Portland Trailer was extremely generous and provided the materials for the frame, the axle, tires, and wheels. It is actually set up as a trailer that can be towed



from location to location.

Stop by the Belmont Firehouse to view this unique exhibit.

## Pipe & Drum Band Visits March Safety Saturday

A special surprise greeted visitors to the Belmont Firehouse on the March 12th Safety Saturday. The TVF&R Pipe and Drum Band paid a short visit and captivated visitors and pas-

ser-bys with their lively brand of music. It created a fitting musical backdrop to the 90th anniversary of fire prevention that was celebrated at the event.

Band members were pleased with the opportunity to play at the firehouse. They plan to return in September when Safety Saturday coincides with the Belmont Street Fair.



Unique offerings, such as this, have characterized each of the seven Safety Saturdays. This is a theme that will continue.

The next Safety Saturday will be May 14th. The new American LaFrance fire engine cab exhibit will be unveiled at that time. Also, look for renovations to the Belmont Firehouse to begin soon.

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## Remember This???

The archives of the fire museum are filled with many unique items, particularly appliances, such as this nozzle.

On this particular nozzle, the flow was controlled by turning the ridged portion of the nozzle. This would cause a two-piece ball to separate in an opening/closing motion, thus opening and closing the flow

of water.

This nozzle would only direct a straight stream of water, possibly placing it back to the 1800s.

Have you ever seen a piece like this? If so, share what history you know to benefit the display of this museum piece. Contact Don Porth at 503-823-3615 if you have information to share.

**Portland Fire History, Safety Learning Center Information, Foundation Background**  
Find it on the web at [www.jeffmorrisfoundation.org](http://www.jeffmorrisfoundation.org)

## FIRE SALE \*\*\* Get Your Capt. Pumperton Gear Here!

Looking for great kids clothing with a fire department theme? Look no farther than the Belmont Firehouse. The Jeff Morris Foundation has put together a great line of kids T-Shirts and Sweatshirts with the fun-loving and colorful Captain Pumperton on it.

clothing is available too, whether with the Jeff Morris/Portland Fire logo or with Portland Fire & Rescue on the front and back. The whole selection can be found on the Jeff Morris web site at:

But it's not just for kids. Adult [jeffmorrisfoundation.org](http://jeffmorrisfoundation.org).



## Exhibit Contract Signed!

The Jeff Morris Fire & Life Safety Foundation has signed the contract for the design segment of a \$225,000 development project for the exhibits in the Historic Belmont Firehouse.

The funds for this project have been raised through private donations from organizations like State Farm Insurance, The Fred Meyer Foundation, Safeway Inc., and two FEMA grants. A portion of the fundraising remains and several interested companies are currently considering additional donations.

The partnership between Portland Fire & Rescue and the Jeff Morris Fire & Life Safety Foundation is unique and productive. The credibility and mission of the Fire Bureau is appeal-

ing and well supported in the community. The fundraising capabilities of the Foundation, on behalf of the Fire Bureau allow citizens, companies, and organizations to direct funds too the specific education programs they most support.

Formations Inc., a Gresham museum design firm, has been selected by the Foundation to provide the services. Other facilities to their credit are the Columbia River Maritime Museum, the Warm Springs Cultural Museum, and their current project, the Muhammad Ali museum in Louisville, Kentucky. A committee of fire bureau representatives and citizens has been assembled to help them tell the story of the fire service in Portland.

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